

MARINES CORPS SHOTS



ARLINGTON, Va. — Hundreds of people visit the 'Faces of the Fallen' exhibit at the Women in Military Service to America Memorial during the opening ceremony March 22. The exhibit displays the painted portraits of more than 1,300 American military men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice during the Global War on Terror. More than 200 artists from across the country contributed to this tribute.

Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. D. Myles Cullen

WISCONSIN AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Milwaukee, Wis. — Friends and family greet reserve Marines returning from a tour of duty in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Marines are part of F Company, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division.

Photo by Air Force Master Sgt. Kenneth Pagel



OKINAWA, Japan — A Marine low crawls through muddy trenches during the endurance course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonslaves, Feb. 25. The endurance course is a 3.4-mile obstacle course, which is part of a weeklong jungle skills training class. The endurance course tasks Marines to navigate through every obstacle JWTC has to offer, including rope bridges and streams and carrying simulated casualties through the famous "peanut butter mud alley." The center is 20,000 square acres and was established in 1958. It is the only jungle warfare training grounds in the Department of Defense.

Photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class John P. Curtis

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev.

Sgt. Lucas Pumphrey, Cpl. Erik Smith and Pfc. Christopher Young carry a CAIM-9 missile to an AV-8B Harrier before its mission during Joint Red Flag 2005, March 25. The three Marines are aviation ordnance technicians from Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

About 10,000 U.S. service members from each branch of the service joined coalition forces in the exercise from March 21 to April 2. Exercises also took place at Fort Hood and Fort Bliss, both in Texas.

Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Chrissy FitzGerald



MCB CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.

Snoopy grinds out a push-up while drill instructors exhort him to greater efforts at Edson Range March 16 during filming of "Operation MVP." The video is being produced in cooperation with the Boston Red Sox, Major League Baseball and The White House Commission on Remembrance. The "World War I Flying Ace's" trip to Camp Pendleton will be shown at baseball games in April. A Snoopy was also donated to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune for the same purpose. The White House Commission on Remembrance was established by Congress in 2001 and honors those who died in service for the country and those who continue to serve, according to the official website. Its purpose is to sustain the American spirit by acts of remembrance throughout the year.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Joseph L. DiGirolamo

